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SUBJ: RENEGOTIATION OF EXCHANGES AGREEMENT WITH ROMANIA

REF: BUCHAREST 4361

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POST'S TIMELY INITIATIVE
RE NEGOTIATION OF US-GOR CULTURAL AND OTHER EXCHANGES
AGREEMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING POST'S SUB-
STANTIVE SUGGESTIONS PER REFTEL.

2. WE HAVE ALSO GIVEN THOUGHT HERE TO SUBSTANCE, TIMING,
AND COMPOSITION OF OUR DELEGATION. CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY
TO NEGOTIATE IS BEING SOUGHT. ONCE AUTHORITY IS IN HAND,
WE WILL AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE COMPOSE AN AGREED
PRELIMINARY DRAFT, UTILIZING POST'S CONTRIBUTION AS
APPROPRIATE. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BEST TO EXCHANGE
PRELIMINARY DRAFTS WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY HERE, SEVERAL
WEEKS PRIOR TO OPENING FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS IN BUCHAREST.

3. RE TIMING OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS AND ASSUMING RCP
CONGRESS DOES NOT INTERFERE, WE PLAN TO AIM FOR PERIOD
BETWEEN NOVEMBER 4-20. WE ARE HOWEVER NOT YET PREPARED
TO FIX A SPECIFIC DATE FOR SIGNING.

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4. ASSUMPTIONS OUTLINED PARA 2 REFTL ARE IN GENERAL CORRECT, EXCEPT THAT WE PROPOSE TO FOLLOW IN BROAD OUTLINE THE DRAFT OF THE US-CZECH AGREEMENT. IT IS EVEN LESS SPECIFIC THAN US-USSR AGREEMENT (COPY OF DRAFT CZECH AGREEMENT POUCHED SEPARATELY). WHETHER PROGRAM AGREEMENTS AND IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS ANCILLARY TO THE BASIC DOCUMENT (THE AGREEMENT) SHOULD BE INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE AGREEMENT ITSELF AND THUS BE NEGOTIATED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH IT, OR SUBJECT TO SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATION, IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE. ROMANIANS MAY OF COURSE HAVE THEIR OWN IDEAS ON THIS. INGERSOLL

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